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July 30, 2005

**BY HAND**

Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
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**Re: CC Docket No. 00-257 - Focal Communications Corporation and  
Broadwing Communications, LLC Notification Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §  
64.1120**

Dear Secretary Dortch:

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 64.1120(e)(1), Focal Communications Corporation of California ("Focal-CA"), Focal Communications Corporation of Connecticut ("Focal-CT"), Focal Communications Corporation of Illinois ("Focal-IL"), Focal Communications Corporation of Michigan ("Focal-MI"), Focal Communications Corporation of Minnesota ("Focal-MN"), Focal Communications Corporation of Ohio ("Focal-OH"), Focal Communications Corporation of Texas ("Focal-TX"), Focal Communications Corporation of Washington ("Focal-WA"), and Broadwing Communications, LLC ("Broadwing") hereby notify the Commission of the pending transfer of the assets and customers of Focal-CA, Focal-CT, Focal-IL, Focal-MI, Focal-MN, Focal-OH, Focal-TX, and Focal-WA to Broadwing.

**Parties to the Transaction:** Focal-CA, Focal-CT, Focal-IL, Focal-MI, Focal-MN, Focal-OH, Focal-TX, and Focal-WA currently are wholly-owned indirect subsidiaries of Broadwing, which was formerly known as Corvis Corporation. Focal-CA, Focal-CT, Focal-IL, Focal-MI, Focal-MN, Focal-OH, Focal-TX, and Focal-WA are subsidiaries of Focal Communications Corporation, also a wholly-owned subsidiary of Broadwing. The Commission previously approved the transfer of control of Focal Communications Corporation to Broadwing.<sup>1/</sup> The pending transaction is an internal corporate restructuring that does not result in a change of ultimate ownership or control.<sup>2/</sup>

<sup>1/</sup> Transfer of the domestic 214 authorizations was approved on May 2, 2004 and transfer of the international 214 authorization was approved April 23, 2004.

<sup>2/</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 63.03(d).

**Types of Telecommunications Services Provided to Affected Subscribers:** The telecommunications services being provided to subscribers in California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Texas, and Washington include local, long distance, and international voice and data services.

**Planned Date of Transfer:** Subscribers in California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Texas, and Washington will be transferred no later than August 30, 2005.

**Certification of Compliance:** Broadwing hereby certifies compliance with the requirement to provide advanced subscriber notice in accordance with 47 C.F.R. § 64.1120(e)(3), with the obligations specified in that notice, and with the other statutory and Commission requirements that apply to this streamlined process.

**Copy of Notice Sent to Affected Subscribers:** A copy of the notice to be sent to California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Texas, and Washington subscribers is attached hereto. The notice was sent to subscribers in California, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Texas, and Washington on July 20, 2005, and to subscribers in Connecticut on July 28, 2005.

An original and five (5) copies of this letter are enclosed. Please date stamp the additional copy and return it to the waiting messenger. If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



Angela F. Collins  
Counsel for Broadwing Communications, LLC

Attachments

cc: John Gockley, Broadwing

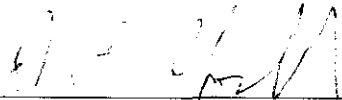
# Attachment 1 Verification

Verification

I, John C. Gockley, Vice President and Associate General Counsel of Broadwing Communications, LLC, hereby certify under penalty of perjury that the statements in the foregoing filing are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Dated:

7/28/05

  
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John C. Gockley  
VP and Associate General Counsel  
Broadwing Communications, LLC

# Attachment 2

## Customer Notice



July 14, 2005

Dear Valued Customer,

We are pleased to inform you of some exciting changes at Focal Communications. Last September, Focal was acquired by Corvis Corporation (now known as Broadwing Corporation). Broadwing Corporation is the parent company of telecommunications services provider Broadwing Communications, LLC. Broadwing Communications is a full-service, facilities-based provider of data, voice and video services for enterprises, carriers and government groups. Broadwing's focus is providing an innovative communications solutions with unparalleled focus and speed.

So what does this mean for you?

As the next step in the acquisition process, Focal is combining its operations with its sister company, Broadwing Communications. As a result, the services that you currently receive from Focal will soon be provided by Broadwing. This transfer will be finished and your services and billing will be provided under the Broadwing name no later than the end of August, 2005.

We are confident that this combination will strengthen the quality and availability of service options that you receive from Focal today. Please be assured that Broadwing has taken measures to ensure that this change will occur smoothly and there will be no interruption to the services you currently receive. You should notice no change at all since your service will continue to be provided over the same network and facilities as today. You will not be charged any fees as a result of this merger, and you will receive service under the Broadwing name based on substantially the same rates, terms, and conditions under which you currently receive service. Notice of any future changes in the rates, terms, and conditions of your services will be provided to you as required under applicable law. There will be no changes with respect to any of your preferred carrier freezes.

We recognize that you have the right to change providers, subject to the terms and conditions of any term agreements. We hope, however, that you choose to remain a Broadwing customer and continue to enjoy the same high-quality telecommunications services you currently receive from us. If you have questions about this notice, please call your account representative or Focal's customer toll-free number at 1-888-362-2522. We appreciate your business.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Walentynowicz Jr.  
Vice President Network Services